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1. US 3,034,374
2. US 4,850,242
3. DE 101 01 220 A1 (has English Equivalent application US 2004/0083847 A1)
4. DE 100 28 117 A1 (English abstract provided)

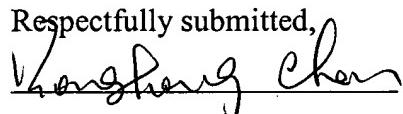
5. DE 101 34 569 C2 (has English Equivalent application US 6,880,426)
6. DE 34 13 030 C2 (has English Equivalent application US 4,621,538)

Documents 1-3 were cited in the ISR. Document 4-5 were cited in the German Office communication dated July 19, 2004. Document 5 was mentioned in the specification of the instant application.

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		DE 101 01 220 A1	01-08-2002	DaimlerChrysler AG	
		DE 100 28 117 A1	12-07-2000	Suzuki Motors Corp.	
		DE 101 34 569 C2	05-28-2003	Edscha AG	
		DE 34 13 030 C2	30-10-1986	Daimler-Benz AG	

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